Monday, June 13

Nancy Ahern
Senior Associate, Agreement Dynamics, Inc.

Nancy Ahern honed her facilitation, coaching, and strategic planning skills over 25 years “in the hot seat” as a local government executive and leader. She has both expertise and practical experience in managing large complex work groups, policy development, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, personnel management, and organizational change. Her collaborative approach is effective in helping individuals and groups find creative and satisfying solutions to challenges and conflicts.

Nancy’s career spans several decades in public utility and environmental management, including leadership roles in Seattle Public Utilities, the King County Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Bellevue. After obtaining a doctoral degree in natural resources management early in her career, her interest shifted towards the nature of organizations and “people management.” Her master’s degree in organizational systems coupled with her science background brings a unique perspective to problem solving.

Ann Macfarlane
Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Ann Griffin Macfarlane studied Russian and Ancient Greek at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She was awarded a Marshall Scholarship by the British government to earn a B.A./M.A. degree from Cambridge University, England. After she earned her degree, she began her career as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. Fluent in Urdu, Ann served in Lahore, Pakistan and on the Bangladesh desk of the State Department before becoming the first woman staff assistant in the Near East South Asia Bureau. In that position she supported Henry Kissinger’s shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East and supervised the flow of reporting and memoranda for other hot spots in the region.

After studying at the Army Russian Institute in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Ann married fellow Foreign Service Officer Lew Macfarlane. She served on the Soviet desk before resigning her commission to devote herself to their family in the Congo, Tanzania, and Kathmandu.

The Macfarlanes returned to Seattle, Lew’s native city, with their three sons. Ann became a professional translator and was elected President of the American Translators Association. She then served as Executive Director of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators before becoming a partner with Andrew Estep as an owner of ERGA, Inc., an association management company, from 2007 to 2014.

Ann and Andrew developed “Jurassic Parliament” as a way of helping people run productive meetings. Their approach makes Robert’s Rules of Order understandable, enjoyable, and easy to learn. They published *Mastering Council Meetings: A guidebook for elected officials and local governments* in 2013.
Sutapa Basu, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the University of Washington Women’s Center and co-chair of its Task Force against Human Trafficking. Under Sutapa’s leadership, the UW Women’s Center has grown into one of the largest university-based women’s center in the country, where women and men work in partnership to build a culture of gender equity. At the UW Women’s Center, she ensures that through an array of educational, professional, and personal support programs, women and girls have access to the resources and information needed to make the best decisions for their future. Sutapa’s work and the work of the Women’s Center is grounded in her dedication to empower women to speak out, take leadership roles, and demand equal treatment for women and children.

Sutapa’s areas of academic specialization are women in developing economies and international development. She is passionate about women’s human rights and works extensively with women’s groups both locally and in India to promote girls education, gender equality, sustainable development, and social justice. Sutapa has been recognized as a national leader and advocate for young immigrant women, particularly those who have been victims of human trafficking abuse. Through her work at the UW Women’s Center, she helped create the first statewide anti-trafficking legislation. Similar legislation has now been implemented in 47 other states. Sutapa serves on many boards and committees statewide, and has received several local and national awards for her human rights work.

Paula Houston
CEO, Sound Generations

Paula has been a leader in the non-profit and government health and human services fields for 20 years. She is committed to improving the health and well-being of communities by ensuring resources are available and by championing philanthropic, advocacy, and volunteer efforts to advance equity and social justice in policies and systems. Paula has served in many leadership positions for different organizations, including working as the Executive Director for the Meredith Matthews East Madison YMCA and the Client Manager of Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center. In addition to her non-profit and health work, Paula is a world-class powerlifter. She has won five world championships and 11 national titles in powerlifting.
TUESDAY, June 14

Suzanne Keel-Eckmann  How to Build a Powerful Network  
Executive Coach, CEO & Founder, 7 Wise Women Leadership Coaching

Suzanne is an executive coach who works with women leaders in financial and professional service firms as well as in non-profit and higher education organizations. She helps accomplished women set personal goals and navigate career transitions such as promotions, new careers and retirement. She attributes her coaching success to her training, her own leadership experience in professional service firms and her role as a mentor/coach to hundreds of aspiring women.

Suzanne is an “intrapreneur” who found success by boldly going where no man (or woman) had gone before. During her 15 years at Deloitte, she moved from local to regional to national leadership roles by seeking out and taking on new challenges facing the Firm. Among her many roles and accomplishments, she led the national women’s initiative for Deloitte Services and served as national director of corporate responsibility. Suzanne believes if you take responsibility, listen to your heart, and master the art of balance, anything is possible. Since retiring from Deloitte, she has launched her next career as a leadership coach for executive-level women.

Suzanne attended the University of Alabama and Golden Gate University and most recently graduated from the Hudson Institute of Coaching. She is also certified as a Green Belt in Process Excellence and as a LEED Accredited Professional. She currently serves on the board of the Center for Women and Democracy, teaching at its Leadership Institute. A former board member on the University of Washington Women’s Center, she has chaired and/or taught at the Alene Morris NEW Leadership for six years. A frequent speaker at national and regional conferences, Suzanne is also a guest lecturer at the University of Washington and serves as a mentor to second-year MBA students at the Foster School of Business.

Floyd Jones  Lunch Keynote  
Philanthropist

Floyd Jones holds a strong belief in social justice and continues to support a wide variety of health, social service, political and environmental organizations in Seattle. Floyd was born and raised in Arkansas and Missouri as a sharecropper’s son in a family of 12 children. He served in the army and, with the help of the G.I. Bill and long hours at the Boeing Co., he earned a degree in business administration from the University of Washington. Floyd began a successful career as an investment broker/advisor in 1954 with Dean Witter & Co., quickly rising to partner. Floyd started the Floyd and Delores Jones Foundation in 1986, becoming a major contributor to the greater Puget Sound community. Floyd continues working at his firm, Seattle First Asset Management and finds great enjoyment in his philanthropic work. Floyd has received numerous awards including the Seattle CityClub’s Civic Leadership Award, Meurk Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Mason Foundation Board, and the ACLU William O. Douglas Award.
Lorraine Howell
Instructor, University of Washington’s Foster School of Business

Lorraine Howell started Media Skills Training in 1998 after 12 years as a television news and talk show producer in the San Francisco Bay Area. She coaches top executives and professionals on how to be more effective speakers for speeches, presentations, and media interviews. From 2010-2015 she was an instructor at the University of Washington’s Foster School of Business in the Technology Management MBA, the Global Executive MBA, and the Executive MBA programs. From 2007-2009 Lorraine coached the five finalists in the Forbes.com national Boost Your Business Contest in New York City.


She is a Cum Laude graduate from the University of Washington, Phi Beta Kappa. Lorraine is also a member of the Association for Women in Communications, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Public Relations Society of America, National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington, and a Washington State Certified OMWBE. Lorraine received the national Headliner Award in 2009 from the Association for Women in Communications. In October 2012, she was inducted into the UW Department of Communication’s Alumni Hall of Fame.

Martinelle Cole
Resume Review & Prep for Elevator Pitch

Director of Professional Development, Davis Wright Tremaine

Martinelle B. Cole has worked in law firms for over twenty years, with a focus on Attorney Professional Development since 2006. She has been the Director of Professional Development at Davis Wright Tremaine since 2013. She is responsible for firmwide attorney career development, substantive and core skills training, diversity & inclusion, pro bono and staff substantive and core training. She also oversees the firm’s mentoring program, lateral integration, annual associate evaluation process, and conducts other needs assessments for the firm, as needed. Martinelle is an active member of the firm’s Associate Evaluation Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Pro Bono Committee. Prior to joining Davis Wright Tremaine, Martinelle held similar positions within Professional Development at WilmerHale’s Boston and West Coast offices where she also administered the upward evaluation process for partners, managed large-scale milestone training programs and oversaw the West Coast Women’s Leadership Initiative. Prior to attending Roger Williams Law School in Rhode Island, Martinelle worked as a paralegal/office manager at a boutique firm in Washington State and earned her B.A. at the University of Washington, Bothell.

Martinelle is on the Advisory Board of the UW Women’s Center and she is actively involved in the Junior League of Seattle.
Judith Lonnquist
Attorney, Law Offices of Judith Lonnquist

Judith Lonnquist specializes in plaintiffs’ employment and civil rights law, with an occasional foray into traditional labor law and campaign finance law. She is a founder of the Northwest Women’s Law Center and served as National Legal Vice President to the National Organization for Women, and as a member of Washington State’s Gender & Justice Taskforce. Judith is a member of various Bar and legal associations and She served as President of the Washington Employment Lawyers Association, on the WSTLA Board of Governors and on the Executive Committee for the WSBA Litigation Section. She is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College founded by Gerry Spence. She is a frequent speaker on plaintiff’s employment law and trial and appellate procedure and strategies, and is listed in America’s Best Lawyers, Seattle’s Best Lawyers, and as a “Super Lawyer” by Washington Law and Politics. Judith is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and the University of Chicago Law School.
Teresa Mosqueda
Political and Strategic Campaign Director, WSLC

Lobbying & Purpose-Driven Activism

Teresa Mosqueda was named the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC) Political and Strategic Campaign Director in May 2015. In this position, she advances the council’s work developing shared agendas and strategic organizing campaigns (raising wages, naturalization, revenue reform, etc.), along with recruiting, training and electing political champions for working people.

Teresa first joined the WSLC as a member of the lobbying team in January 2011, and in May 2013, she began serving as the Government Affairs Director. Teresa has been the council’s lead on health care policy and serves as Chair of the Healthy Washington Coalition, the state’s largest health care advocacy group. Teresa was appointed by the Governor to represent workers in Washington and the Healthy Washington Coalition on the Health Insurance Exchange Board, where she is former chair of the Exchange Public Policy Committee and a sitting member of the Policy and Audit committees. Teresa also represents the labor council on the Washington State Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee and the Women’s Center’s Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. In addition, she works with affiliates and community partners on the Stop Wage Theft Coalition and the Farmworker Coalition, and serves as an advocate for many other policy issues that affect working families.

Teresa grew up in Olympia, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, and a Master of Public Administration degree with a focus in health policy from The Evergreen State College. Her professional experience in advancing health and social justice policies began at Sea Mar Community Health Centers where she served as Latino Senior Program Manager. She went on to work for the Washington State Department of Health as the Legislative and Policy Coordinator for the Community and Family Health Division. She continued her work on health and nutrition policies at the Children’s Alliance as the Health Policy Director, and then as the lobbyist advancing policies to protect children’s health, access to education and food, and against the consequences of poverty. Soon after the passage of federal health care reform law, Teresa went onto work at the Community Health Plan and Community Health Network of Washington as the Health Care Reform Specialist.
Cindy Domingo

Chief of Staff, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett

Cindy Domingo has served as Chief of Staff to King County Councilmember Larry Gossett for the last 22 years working on issues dealing with immigration, criminal justice, equity and social justice. She has been a political activist for 40 years serving on a number of local, national and international boards and organizations including National Asian Pacific Women's Forum, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, International Examiner Newspaper, and LELO (Legacy of Leadership, Equality and Organizing).

Cindy began her activism in the 1970's as a student at the University of Washington in the midst of the struggle to restore democracy in the Philippines, which was under the rule of dictators Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos. As a member of the radical organization Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP), Cindy participated in organizing in the Filipino community.

As a result of the KDP's work, Cindy's brother, Silme, was murdered along with KDP activist Gene Viernes in Seattle in 1981. As Chair of the Committee for Justice for Domingo and Viernes, Cindy spent the following ten years leading a successful movement to bring to justice those that were responsible for the murders, including the Marcoses. In a landmark federal civil suit, the Marcoses were held liable for the murders and ordered to pay $15 million to the families of Domingo and Viernes.

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos

Washington State Representative

A community activist for more than 35 years, Representative Sharon Santos was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1998. Representative Santos chairs the House Education committee and serves on the Business & Financial Services and the Technology & Economic Development committees. She also serves on the Washington State Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability committee.

Representative Santos’ legislative proposals reflect her strong advocacy for quality public education for all students, for ensuring a well-trained educator workforce, and for closing the opportunity gap among different groups of students. In addition to education issues, her key policy interests include civil rights, women’s rights, economic and environmental justice, and affordable housing. She believes in creating a level playing field to give everyone a fair chance to succeed in school, in employment, and in life.

Pamela Banks

President and CEO, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle

Pamela Banks is the CEO of the Urban League and a longtime City of Seattle employee who ran for Seattle City Council District 3. A resident of the Central District, Pamela has worked under five different mayors in her time as a City of Seattle employee and has been very involved in the Rainier Valley and Central District neighborhoods as the President and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle. She is committed to creating jobs and opportunities, particularly in communities of color that have been left behind in the recent economic boom. She’s also focused on affordable housing but wants to look for tools other than rent control or linkage fees.
Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez  
Seattle City Councilmember

As one of two at-large (citywide) representatives and the first Latina/o elected to serve the Seattle City Council, Councilmember M. Lorena González brings to her position a decade of experience as a civil rights attorney and community advocate. She is a nationally-recognized civil rights leader and recently served as legal counsel to Seattle Mayor Ed Murray.

Before joining the Mayor's Office, Councilmember González was a partner at Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, the region's largest plaintiff's law firm. Her practice focused on representing people who were victimized by those in authority positions. She primarily represented workers in wage theft and anti-discrimination cases as well as representing victims of police misconduct. Councilmember González has been recognized locally and nationally for her work in and out of the courtroom, and has been awarded multiple recognitions.

Councilmember González has served on various local, regional and national non-profit boards, including OneAmerica, OneAmerica Votes, National Council of La Raza, Northwest Area Foundation and Washington State Association for Justice. She's also a founding member of the National Advisory Committee for the Latino Victory Project - a national movement that builds power in the Latino community so that the faces and voices of Latinos are reflected at every level of government and in the policies that drive our country forward. Furthermore, she has served as co-chair to Casa Latina's Capital Campaign, helping that organization raise $4 million dollars to build a state-of-the-art day laborer and worker education center in the Chinatown/International District.

Born and raised in Washington's lower Yakima Valley to a Spanish-speaking migrant farmworker family, Councilmember González earned her first paycheck at the age of 8, alongside her parents and five siblings. She relied on scholarships and worked 3 jobs to attend community college and later Washington State University. She moved to Seattle in 2002 to attend Seattle University Law School, where she graduated with honors in 2005.

Former Representative Velma Veloria  
Former Washington State Representative,  
Co-chair of the UW Women's Center Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Former representative Velma Veloria, born in the Philippines, is the first Filipina American to be elected to the Washington State Legislature where she served from 1992 until 2004. Among her many accomplishments in office is the passage of HB1175, which made the State of Washington the first state in the nation to criminalize human trafficking. Linking her concerns of human trafficking to international trade agreements, she authored legislation that created a Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on International Trade Policy in the State Legislature. As a former labor organizer, Velma has demonstrated a track record of successfully lobbying for and educating the broader community on important working family issues and in motivating and mentoring a multicultural workforce. In 2011, Velma was recognized by the National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC) with the Women of Courage Award, which is presented to women from diverse backgrounds that have demonstrated courage by taking a stand to further civil rights and equality and who exemplify women’s leadership. Currently, she serves as co-chair of the University of Washington Women’s Center Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.
Councilmember Kathy Lambert  
King County Councilmember

Councilmember Kathy Lambert was reelected in 2013 to another term on the King County Council. She represents District 3, the largest of the nine council districts, encompassing nearly half the area of the County. Kathy serves as Chair of the Council’s Committee of the Whole and is the Vice Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, the Law & Justice Committee and the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee. She is also a member of the Boards of Directors of Hopelink, the Eastside Human Services Forum, and Seattle-King County Public Health.

Some of Kathy’s passions include working to end homelessness, protecting survivors of domestic violence, and working to ensure that government is both efficient and effective. This includes using the latest technology to serve the residents of King County. She was a driving force behind bringing Safe Place, an outreach program designed to provide access to immediate help and safety for youth in crisis, to King County.

Kathy was honored in 2013 by the United Way of King County as Outstanding Public Official of the Year for her work with Safe Place, by the Zonta Club of East King County for her leadership on the prevention of domestic violence and by King County as a Technology Champion.

Prior to serving on the King County Council, Kathy was a State Representative from the 45th District for seven years. She received her BA and her teaching credentials from the University of Washington. Kathy taught school for sixteen years and is also a published poet and author of a children’s book about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In her free time, Kathy enjoys traveling, hiking and being a grandmother.

Representative Jessyn Farrell  
Washington State Representative

Elected in 2012, Representative Jessyn Farrell represents the citizens of the 46th district, which includes Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and parts of North Seattle. Previously, Jessyn worked as the Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition, an organization dedicated to expanding bus, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation options. Her biggest accomplishment – bringing together transit and road advocates in support of transportation initiatives that secured billions in transit funding – is also her top priority in Olympia. An attorney by trade, Jessyn focuses on mediation and most recently worked on youth civic engagement with Seattle City Club.

Jessyn grew up in the Seattle’s Lake City neighborhood and Lake Forest Park, attending local public schools and the University of Washington. As a mother of three young children, she is passionate about Washington’s education system and advocates strongly for fully funding education from early learning through higher education. Jessyn is Vice Chair of the House Transportation Committee, and sits on the Environment and Rules Committees.
Shari Winstead was elected to the Shoreline City Council in 2009 and 2013. She served as Mayor from 2014 to 2015, and was elected as Deputy Mayor in 2015. Her term expires December 31, 2017. Shari has lived in Shoreline since 1992, and in addition to her time in public office has served the community in many ways over the past 24 years.

Shari currently works full time as a Special Project and Event Manager for Davis Wright Tremaine, where she has been employed full-time for the past 27 years, except during a two-year leave where she worked as Chief of Staff for King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson in 2007-2008. Community involvement has always been a priority and a pleasure for Shari. She has held leadership positions in many community organizations including serving on the boards of Richmond Little League, the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association and the Partnership for Youth Justice. She was also a founding board member of ShoreDog, and is a past Rotarian.

Prior to being elected to the Council, Shari served the City on many advisory committees. She co-chaired the successful 2006 Parks, Open Space and Trails Bond Vote Yes! Committee and then served as a member of Shoreline’s Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board.

Shari also currently sits on multiple regional and national boards. She is a member of the King County Regional Law, Justice & Safety Committee and the King County Regional Water Quality Committee, as well as the National League of Cities Human Development Committee.

Justice Yu was appointed to the Washington Supreme Court by Governor Inslee on May 1, 2014, after serving 14 years as a trial court judge in King County Superior Court. She was appointed to complete the term of her predecessor and is currently running for a full six-year term. The daughter of immigrant parents, Justice Yu is the first in her family to receive a college education. She is the first Latina, the first Asian, and first member of the LGBTQ community serve on the Washington State Supreme Court.
THURSDAY, June 16

Norma Timbang  
Lecturer, University of Washington

Norma Timbang is one of the co-founders of Asian & Pacific Islander Women's Center (now API Chaya) and a community activist. She has served on the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum's national governing board, National Queer Asian & Pacific Islander Alliance steering and conference committees, Violence Against Women Online Resources' board, the Washington State Task Force on Human Trafficking, and the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence's board of directors. She was a co-awardee with the Northwest Network of Solid Ground's Tony Lee Social Justice award, was a 2012 honoree at Seattle's International Women's Day, and was a co-recipient with Velma Veloria and Emma Catague of a City of Seattle proclamation honoring their work against intimate partner violence and human trafficking. Currently, Norma is a lecturer at the University of Washington School of Social Work and has a private mental health therapy practice focusing on impacts of oppression, healing from intimate partner and sexual violence, as well as exploration of historical trauma. Norma also facilitates workshops and processes on how to identify and address microaggressions and internalized oppression; organizational healing; integration of social justice principles into practice for health, human services, and grassroots community organizations; Motivational Interviewing; and use of psychometric assessments with high risk youth.

Maggie Humphreys
National Women’s Political Caucus President, Washington

Maggie Humphreys serves as the State President of the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, the state's oldest organization dedicated to recruiting, training, and electing more women to public office, and is a passionate advocate for women and children. For over 40 years, NWPC-WA has led the fight for women's parity at all levels of government, from school boards to Congress. Maggie also works with the team at MomsRising.org, a million-member organization of moms and the people who love them working to change the world. At MomsRising, Maggie manages the organization's Washington State campaigns for paid family and medical leave, paid sick days, pregnant workers protections, and equal and fair pay for women as well as MomsRising's 40,000 Washington members. She is a proud alumna of the Institute for a Democratic Future’s class of 2014. Maggie graduated from Franklin College with a degree in International Relations and minor in Economics.
Monica Harrington
Public Hospital District Commissioner, San Juan Island

The Honorable Monica Harrington is a Washington State public hospital district commissioner on San Juan Island. She’s also a board member at the Center for Reproductive Rights and the editor of a watchdog site which highlights issues related to religious interference in health care.

Prior to her work in health care, Monica worked in the technology sector. She spent 11 years at Microsoft and later helped start two successful Seattle-area software companies. Between startups, she served as a senior policy officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she worked directly with Bill and Melinda and managed the central communications team.

Kim Vu
Seattle Market Manager, Bank of America

Kim is Bank of America’s Seattle Market Manager, serving the greater Puget Sound region. Prior to her arrival at B of A, Kim was in a dual role as Vice President of Community Investment and Social Impact at the Northwest Credit Union Association (NWCUA) and Executive Director of the Northwest Credit Union Foundation. Preceding the NWCUA, Kim led Tech CU’s private banking team in the Silicon Valley. Her success growing the private banking division led her to become the Vice President of Social Impact, Innovation and Community Relationships, where she developed Tech CU’s comprehensive corporate social responsibility strategy, targeted on enterprise-wide CSR and business integration.

Kim has worked with community organizations and social venture startups for over 20 years. She was selected by Governor Inslee to serve in an appointed seat for the Financial Education Public-Private Partnership and recently joined the national Juma Ventures board, while also serving as the chair of their local Seattle advisory board. She proudly leads The Respect Institute as national founding board chair and is a member of the Institute’s co-founding team, which has been acknowledged for their work by the Clinton Global Initiative, Ashoka Changemakers, and the Packard Foundation. She is also actively involved with Social Venture Partners Seattle as co-chair of the Diversity, Cultural Competency and Equity Committee. Furthermore, as co-founder of the Seattle Fintech Meetup, Kim regularly organizes gatherings for entrepreneurs, developers, and financial technology enthusiasts to connect and discuss issues relevant to innovation in banking created by emerging technology disruptors.

Kim earned a bachelor’s degree in business management from San Jose State University and a master’s degree in leadership from Saint Mary’s College of California. She also received a certification in Strategic Philanthropy and Foundation Management from Cannon Financial Institute. Kim has been recognized as a 100 Women of Influence, 40 Under 40, and Women of Distinction in Banking & Finance by the Silicon Valley Business Journal for her contributions to communities and her work to advance women and people of color in business.
Pamela Eakes  
*Communications and Marketing Strategist*

Pamela Eakes founded Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA), a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing violence by and against children. She became a national spokesperson for the cause in the media, testified before Congress, spoke at the White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence, and worked with elected and business leaders across the country to reduce youth violence.

Pamela currently serves on the Boards of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, Path With Art, and Free Speech for People. She has served in various community leadership and board capacities with Seattle Children’s Hospital for over 25 years, and currently serves on the Hospital’s Government Relations Committee. In addition, Pamela was a founding board member of the Northwest African American Museum and served on the Board of the Seattle Urban League for 10 years.

For her public service efforts Pamela was a recipient of the 2015 Women of Courage from the UW Women’s Center, the 2009 Person of the Year award from WA Ceasefire, the 2008 PRSA “People’s Choice” Award for Seeds of Compassion, the 2004 WA State PTA Friend of Children Award, the 2000 President’s Award from the Nat’l Association of School Psychologists, the 1999 Woman of Achievement Award from Women in Communications, the 1995 YWCA Isabel Coleman Pierce Community Service Award, and other public acknowledgements.

Pamela and her husband, Kenneth, have lived in Seattle for 33 years and have two grown sons.
FRIDAY, June 17

**Martinelle Cole**  
*Elevator Pitch & Start Smart*  
*Director of Professional Development, Davis Wright Tremaine*

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**Sylvia Artiga**  
*Seattle Works Working Lunch*  
*Program Manager of Leadership Development, Seattle Works*

Sylvia Artigal is the Program Manager of Leadership Development at Seattle Works. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Politics from Princeton University and a Master’s Degree in Education from Lesley University. Sylvia comes to Seattle Works from Teach For America where she helped to build the Latin@ Engagement and Partnerships Team, dedicated to increasing the number of Latin@ leaders in classrooms across the country. Prior to Teach For America, Sylvia served with Citizen Schools as an AmeriCorps Teaching Fellow where she focused on out-of-school time education in New Jersey.

**Deepa Bhandaru**  
*Developing an Action Plan*  
*Youth Development, Refugee Women’s Alliance*

Deepa Bhandaru is a writer and educator in Seattle. Currently she teaches a youth development program at the Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) in South Seattle. She holds a PhD in political theory from the University of Washington and has taught courses on freedom, justice, and human rights throughout the Seattle area. Her writing has appeared in The Stranger and The Monarch Review. She is currently working on a collection of short stories.
Johnna White is the Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager and Administrator of Program Operations at the University of Washington Women’s Center. Her areas of interest includes gender equity, violence against women, and human trafficking locally and globally. Her current research project focuses on the interactions human trafficking victims have with health care providers in Washington State and how our health care community can be used to identify and respond to human trafficking. Additionally, Johnna recently traveled to Tunis, Tunisia on a State Department funded fellowship to gather information regarding the status of women pre-and-post revolution and share best practices with government and civil society leaders.

Johnna is a certified Start Smart facilitator and trains young women entering the work force the art of salary negotiation and sits on the Yoga Behind Bars Board of Directors. Prior to her work with the Women’s Center, Johnna worked in Washington D.C. as a government relations specialist where she supported City and County client’s advocacy initiatives on health & human service, public safety, and transportation issues before Congress and the Executive Branch. She earned her Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the UW Evans School of Public Affairs.
SATURDAY, June 18

Jessica Cafferty

Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty is the Leadership Program Manager for the Women’s Funding Alliance, and has a strong background in education and social policy and a history of community service. Jessica holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Washington, and a Master of Public Administration from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. Before joining the nonprofit sector, she taught in an inclusive preschool for children of all abilities, which solidified her commitment to equity and social justice. Since leaving the classroom, she has worked in social service and advocacy organizations, focusing improving the systems that serve women and families. Jessica previously served on the Executive Board of the 32nd District Democrats and the Children’s Campaign Fund Board of Directors, and was a founding member of NARAL Pro-Choice Washington’s Millennial Advisory Council and a Co-Chair of the 2013 Alene Moris NEW Leadership Institute cohort. In 2015, Jessica ran for Shoreline City Council, Pos. 2, earning 41% of the vote. When she’s not working, Jessica enjoys exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband, Jacob, and six-month-old son, Varden.

Christina Kutz

Christina Kutz (Xiao) graduated from the University of Washington in 2015 and now works as the Executive Director of UnBound Seattle. UnBound is a local nonprofit dedicated to fighting human trafficking. In her time at the University of Washington, Christina studied Informatics and Geography, served as the ASUW President from 2014-2015, and completed the Bill and Mimi Gates Advancement Internship. Christina was born and raised in Seattle and loves living here. She was a part of the NEW Leadership Class of 2013.

Vhonda McElroy

Vhonda wants to change the world. She’s not joking – she really means it. However, her life experiences, recognition of reality, and basic observation reminds her that we have a lot of work to do. Vhonda is a black feminist, mother, first generation college graduate, and love advocate. She is human. She makes mistakes, but she gets back up. The key is taking it day by day.

Dream REALLY big. Vhonda does every day. She works in Outreach and Recruitment at Tacoma Community College. She has learned that it’s not what you know, it’s who you know. This is applicable to your peers and whomever you serve. She doesn’t see TCC as simply a job to pay her bills – let’s be honest, this is education, and she’s not making dough. Vhonda sees herself in a position of access to one of the oldest institutions in the United States of America. She knows the history of access to these institutions and she actively works with her colleagues to push for equality.
The work you are learning here today is bigger than the notes that you write down. Vhonda challenges you to take time over the next few weeks and meditate on what you learned and what you plan to do. The Alene Moris Institute showed her that she is surrounded by women who are pushing for justice, equality and radical change (love). So work together, love each other and support one another’s endeavors. Thanks for reading, sis.

Heather Tilley

Heather Tilley is currently a PharmD candidate with a curricular emphasis in chemical dependency, as well as a diverse healthcare background that began in 2008. As a first-generation college graduate and proud alumna of Virginia Tech, she received dual-degrees in biochemistry and chemistry, with a minor in sociology. Heather has spent the majority of her working life in the field of service and is currently working as a pharmacy intern at the University of Washington Medical Center inpatient pharmacy. It has been over ten years since her ascent from a dishwasher in the service industry, entering the healthcare industry at a cancer treatment center, and eventually transitioning into community pharmacy. Entering a more specialized practice before pursuing her PharmD, she worked for a long-term care pharmacy serving persons with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Humbled by serving the needs of society’s marginalized populations, she continued similar work as a psychiatric aide and nurse assistant helping disabled individuals attain higher independence. She still considers herself a person of service within the healthcare field, and is committed to advocacy and outreach both within and beyond employment.

Through early leadership within STAND, a global humanitarian organization, and the Tidewater Community College Global Learning Committee, Heather was inspired to advocate for progressive change. She has held appointments with state legislators discussing rising tuition, petitioned state representatives to discuss issues of global genocide, and pushed for divestment of teacher endowments and pensions from companies doing business in Sudan. As a student pharmacist and Washington State Pharmacists Association member, Heather led advocacy group meetings with legislators deliberating issues affecting patients and pharmacy practices, often against lobbying pressures from Fortune 500 insurance and pharmaceutical companies. She is currently organizing a local campaign, Health Access Seattle, and continues to lead by encouraging others and influencing positive change in the world around her.

Sarah Voelzke

Sarah Voelzke participated in the 2002 NEW Leadership Puget Sound Institute. She graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor’s degree in International Studies and a bachelor’s degree in Community and Environmental Planning. Sarah also holds a certificate in nonprofit management. Currently Sarah is a stay at home mom and a community volunteer. Before having a family, Sarah worked as Vice President and Relationship Banking Officer in the Nonprofit Services Group at Pacific Continental Bank. Prior to banking, Sarah worked as a case manager with a maternal infant program where she assisted pregnant and parenting women navigate support services. She also worked as a fundraising consultant, which included training and coaching nonprofits around the country in mission-focused fundraising. Sarah has volunteered with many organizations, including serving on the boards
of Springwire and Washington Nonprofits. Today she serves on the board of WithinReach, a statewide organization committed to making connections for healthy families. Sarah is passionate about health for all families, the nonprofit sector, and the next generation of community leaders.

**Lorelei Walker**

*Alumnae Panel*

Growing up in rural Pennsylvania, Lorelei witnessed family and friends impacted by pollution and other stressors. Because of these factors she saw them develop otherwise preventable diseases. She also experienced the rise of the genomic revolution and became fascinated with learning how environmental agents interact with our DNA to foster health or, in too many cases, disease. After working in a conservation ecology lab and then teaching science to at-risk youth, she turned her focus to the intersection of genomics, ethics, and justice.

After five years of graduate education, she earned an MPH and PhD in Public Health Genetics from the University of Washington (UW). During her graduate work, she demonstrated a commitment to connecting the emerging science on epigenetics to the social and environmental determinants of health through "real world" action in communities. She created an animated educational video titled, “Your DNA, the Environment, and Epigenetics”, published on the ethics of data sharing, and advanced interdisciplinary collaboration on the renal disease disparity in American Indian/Alaskan Native communities. She continues to participate on the National Human Genome Research Institute’s Partnership for Community Outreach and Engagement working group, is a community leader in the Sound Alliance, a highly diverse nonprofit working to promote equity and healthy communities in the Puget Sound region, and is on the Board of Directors for the Tenant’s Union of Washington State.

Lorelei has a young daughter and wants her to grow up healthy and strong in a flourishing environment. She is truly excited to work with CHE to promote primary prevention in every community here and abroad based on what the emerging science is telling us.

**Alene Moris**

*Graduation Keynote*

Alene H. Moris was born and raised in Canada before moving to Minnesota, where she received her B.A. in music at St. Olaf College. After graduation, she worked with Dorothy Strawn, Dean of Women at the University of Washington. In January 1971, they started Continuing Education for Women, which is known today as the Women's Center. Alene later co-founded the Individual Development Center on Capitol Hill in Seattle, a career-counseling center for men and women, which she directed for 14 years.

For over 40 years, Alene has worked nationally and internationally on behalf of women on career and leadership issues in both the nonprofit and business sectors. During this time, she also created and directed a Seattle-based residential retreat program for senior men and women facing major life decisions.

In addition to her BA in music, Alene has her Master’s degree in counseling. For her innovative work with men and women in transition, Alene was awarded an honorary doctorate from Seattle University in 1990. Earlier, she received the distinguished alumna award from both her undergraduate college and her graduate university. In June of 1996, she received the coveted Seattle Community Catalyst
Award. For her work on behalf of women, the University of Washington Women’s Center established the Alene H. Moris Endowment Fund in 2003, and Floyd Jones generously honored her again by endowing the Center’s leadership program in her name.